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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Robert J. Levy et al.
Title: STABILIZATION OF IMPLANTABLE BIOPROSTHETIC DEVICES
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments be entered into the application:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Specification by inserting on Page 1, line 6 the following sentence:

- This application is a divisional of Application Serial No. 09/558,709, filed April 26, 2000, ^{now abandoned} which is entitled to priority pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §119(e) to U.S. provisional patent application 60/131,257, which was filed on April 27, 1999.- -

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 15-25 in their entirety without prejudice or disclaimer.

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